GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH A B S T R A C T

Public Servants – Sericulture Dept. – Departmental proceedings against Sri G.P. Vijayakumar, Sericulture Officer, Tenali, Guntur District (Retired) under Rule 20 of A.P.C.S.(CC&A)Rules, 1991 - Article of charge – Issued.

AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt. No. 1245

Dated:09-11-2011 Read:-

G.O.Ms.No.263 Agri & Coop (Vig.II) Department, dt.09-11-2011

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ORDER:

In pursuance of the sanction accorded by the Government under sub-clause (i) of clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of Rule 9 of the A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 for initiating departmental proceedings against the said Sri G.P. Vijayakumar, Sericulture Officer, Tenali, Guntur District (Retired) vide G.OMs.No.263 A&C (Vig.II) Dept. dt.09-11-2011, it is proposed to hold an inquiry against the said Sri G.P. Vijayakumar, Sericulture Officer, Tenali, Guntur District (Retired) in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

- 2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Article of charge (Annexure-I). Statement of imputation of mis-conduct or mis-behaviour in support of article of charge against Sri G.P. Vijayakumar, Sericulture Officer, Tenali, Guntur District (Retired) is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the article of charge is proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).
- 3. Sri G.P. Vijayakumar, Sericulture Officer, Tenali, Guntur District (Retired) is directed to submit within 15 days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of his defence.
- 4. Sri G.P. Vijayakumar, Sericulture Officer, Tenali, Guntur District (Retired) is further informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of article of charge as is not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny the article of charge.
- 5. Sri G.P. Vijayakumar, Sericulture Officer, Tenali, Guntur District (Retired) is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in Para (3) above or does not appear in person before the inquiring authority or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of A.P.C.S.(CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the orders/ directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the inquiry authority may hold the inquiry against him expert and further action will be proceeded based on the material available.
- 6. The attention of Sri G.P. Vijayakumar, Sericulture Officer, Tenali, Guntur District (Retired) is invited to rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to hear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matter pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri G.P. Vijayakumar, Sericulture Officer, Tenali, Guntur District (Retired) is aware of such representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.
- 7. The receipt of the G.O. may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

C.V.S.K.SARMA A.P.C. & PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVT.

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Sri G.P. Vijayakumar, Sericulture Officer, Tenali, Guntur District (Retired) (Through: Commissioner of Sericulture, A.P., Hyderabad) Copy to:-

The Commissioner of Sericulture, A.P., Hyderabad (with a request to serve the copy and send dated acknowledgement). Sc/Sf.

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ANNEXURE-I

ARTICLE OF CHARGE AGAINST SRI G.P.VIJAYAKUMAR, SERICULTURE OFFICER, TENLAI, GUNTUR DISTRICT (RETIRED)

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CHARGE:

That Sri G.P. Vijayakumar, Sericulture Officer (Retired), Technical Service Centre Tenali, Guntur District incharge of Diggirala, Kolluru, Nagaram, Battiprolu, Repalli, Chebrolu, Kolluru, T-Sundur, Ponnur, Kollipera, Vemuru Mandals etc., has failed to comply the norms / guidelines in implementation of Catalytic Development Scheme in Guntur District and permitted to construct the rearing sheds without specifications. He has failed to extend proper technical guidance and educate the beneficiaries resulting in uprooting of mulberry acreage and utilization of the rearing sheds for the propose other than it was sanctioned i.e., for godowns, cattle sheds, dwelling houses etc. He has also failed to take action to monitor the actifvities and to take action on the beneficiaries to whom the subsidy was released for the plantation, Rearing sheds and equipments under Catalytic Development programme, as per the bond executed by the beneficiaries causing loss to the Government funds. He is held responsible for the loss. The Vigilance inspection to beneficiaries of Kolluru, Chebrolu, Nagaram, Ponnur, T. Sundur, Duggirala Mandals had confirmed the same.

Thus, Sri G.P.Vijayakumar, Sericulture Officer, Tenali, Guntur District (Retired) has exhibited gross negligence in discharging his duties. This amounts and thereby contravened the rule (3) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

C.V.S.K.SARMA
A.P.C. & PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVT.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MIS-CONDUCT OR MIS-BEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGE AGAINST SRI G.P.VIJAYAKUMAR, SERICULTURE OFFICER, TENLAI, GUNTUR DISTRICT (RETIRED)

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The Department is extending financial assistance in the form of subsidy to the Sericulture farmers to popularize the improved mulberry plantations in scientific manner for construction of rearing sheds and rearing equipment in order to harvest successful crops. The component wise details of subsidy pattern adopted in 2008-09 per beneficiary for raising one acre of mulberry is as follows.

| S.No. | Component | Subsidy (Rs.) |
|-------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Mulberry Plantation (5500 nos) | 4,125 |
| 2 | Rearing shed of 50' x 20' x 16' with asbestos roof | 75,000 |
| 3 | Shelf rearing stand (2200 Sq.Ft) | 10,000 |
| 4 | Chawkie rearing trays and Netrikas | 20,000 |
| | Total | 1,09,125 |

The details of the subsidy provided and the number of beneficiaries covered since 2005-06 to 2008-09 are as detailed below.

| Year | Subsidy released | No. of beneficiaries / units | |
|---------|------------------|------------------------------|--|
| | (Rs.) | Covered | |
| 2005-06 | 115.94 | 245 | |
| 2006-07 | 15.87 | 31 | |
| 2007-08 | 16.71 | 23 | |
| 2008-09 | 4.13 | 12 | |

The Vigilance and Enforcement department had conducted random verifications of grounding of the units under the Catalytic Development scheme covered during the year 2005-06 to 2008-09 in Guntur District.

- (25) units of (6) villages in (6) mandals were verified during 25-06-2009 to 29-06-2009 from the beneficiaries covered during 2005-06. All the (25) units were closed and used for other purposes i.e. for godown, cattle sheds and dwelling houses. Further, the two beneficiaries identified in Vengalayapalem (V) of guntur (M) are brothers and they have given sheds for rent for manufacture of maize chips.
- 2. (4) units of (3) villages in (2) mandals were verified during 27-06-2009 from the beneficiaries covered during 2006-07. In two cases the beneficiaries stopped silkworm rearing and used the sheds for storing farm products like Paddy, Maize etc.
- 3. (6) units of (2) villages in (2) mandals were verified during 16-06-2009 and 23-06-2009 from the beneficiaries covered during 2007-08. Two units were converted into godowns and other two other units were partly damaged in Valiveru village. Two more beneficiaries in Pedadarmi village of Thallur Mandal have uprooted the mulberry gardens partially.
- (5) units of (2) villages in (2) mandals were verified during 16-06-2009 and 23-06-2009 from the beneficiaries covered during 2008-09. Three units at Solasa (V) of Edlapadu (M) were closed and they were utilized as cattle sheds and godowns.

- 5. In most of the cases, the beneficiaries have not constructed the rearing sheds as per plan. For eg., Smt. P. Sujatha, Golivaripalem of Nagaram Mandal constructed rearing shed like farm house.
- 6. Permitted the construction of joint rearing sheds by the members of same family.
- Rearing equipment supplied under subsidy was kept idle and neglected.
- 8. No action was taken for revival of the defunct units.
- 9. Failure in educating the farmers to make the best use of the programmes resulted in misuse of lakhs of rupees given as subsidy to the beneficiaries.

Out of the above, the Vigilance officers have personally visited the beneficiaries covered in 2005-06 of Kolluru, Chebrolu, Nagaram, 2006-07 beneficiaries of Ponnuru and chebrolu, 2007-08 beneficiaries of T-Sundur, and 2008-09 beneficiary of Duggirala Mandal.

The Vigilance Officers have observed following lapses.

- Almost all the subsidized sericulture units are in defunct stage and the farmers used the subsidized sheds for other purpose.
- 2 Almost all farmers uprooted mulberry gardens.
- 3 Most of the beneficiaries not constructed the sheds as per specifications.
- In most of the cases sheds were converted into rural godowns, cattle sheds, dwelling places etc.
- Number of beneficiaries were allowed construction of joint rearing sheds by members of same family.
- 6 No proper efforts were made to put defunct units into functional use.
- 7 Though the beneficiaries agreed to run the units for continuous period of 5 years, the units did not run for even single crop.
- 8 Some units were dismantled.
- 9 Staff failed to educate the farmers resulting i9n misuse of CDP funds.

Sri G.P.Vijayakumar, Sericulture Officer, Technical Service Center Tenali, Guntur District, was incharge of Diggirala, Kolluru, Nagaram, Battiprolu, Repalli, Chebrolu, Kolluru, T-Sundur, Ponnur, Kollipera, Vemuru Mandals etc.

Thus he has failed to comply the instructions in grounding of the Catalytic Development schemes with respect to construction of rearing sheds as per specifications, loss of acreage, utilization of rearing sheds other purposes, depriving the object for which it was sanctioned, failure to initiate action as per the bond furnished by the beneficiaries in case of default, and failure to extend technical guidance to the farmers. He is responsible for the loss incurred to the Government for the above said lapses.

Thus, he has exhibited gross dereliction in discharging his duties. This amounts and thereby contravened the rule (3) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964. Hence the charges.

C.V.S.K.SARMA
A.P.C. & PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVT.

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ANNEXURE -III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH ARTICLE OF CHARGE AGAINST SRI G.P.VIJAYAKUMAR, SERICULTURE OFFICER, TENLAI, GUNTUR DISTRICT (RETIRED)

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Vigilance Appraisal Report No. 38(C.No.991/V&E/D2/2009), Dated:29-04-2011 of General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department, A.P. Hyderabad.

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ANNEXURE -IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM ARTICLE OF CHARGE AGAINST SRI G.P.VIJAYAKUMAR, SERICULTURE OFFICER, TENLAI, GUNTUR DISTRICT (RETIRED)

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